

Foreign Office (Foreign Trade Dept.),
9th March 1917.

CHINA.

The following additions or corrections to the lists published as a supplement to the Edinburgh Gazette of 19th February 1917, of persons to whom articles to be exported to China and Siam may be consigned, are notified by order of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the provisions of the Proclamation relating to the exportation of articles to China and Siam during the present war, issued on the 24th day of September 1915:—

The following name is added to the list of persons and bodies of persons to whom articles to be exported to China may be consigned:—
Peking Technical College.

The following correction is notified in the list of persons and bodies of persons to whom articles to be exported to China may be consigned:—

Jourdan, Yunnan, should read
Jourdan, Ami-Tcheon, Yunnan.

Ministry of Munitions of War.
Whitehall Palace,
8th March 1917.

ORDER AS TO PRIORITY.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers enabling him, hereby orders and requires that all persons engaged in any of the trades, businesses, or industries specified in the third schedule hereto shall in all respects comply with the following directions and regulations as to the priority to be given to work carried out in their factories and workshops and elsewhere in or in connection with such trades, businesses, or industries or any of them:—

(1) Priority shall be given to work in such trades, businesses, and industries in accordance with the classification set out in the first schedule hereto.

(2) All work and orders for work of material undertaken by them shall be divided into the three classes, Class A, Class B, and Class C, mentioned in the first schedule.

(3) Work and orders in Class A shall take precedence of work and orders in Class B or Class C, and work and orders in Class B shall take precedence of work and orders in Class C irrespective of the date when the orders were received and of any contractual obligations to the contrary.

(4) Subject to paragraph 7 hereof orders for work shall be treated as belonging to Class A or Class B as the case may be, if accompanied by a certificate from the person ordering the same in the form set out in the second schedule hereto, stating that the work belongs to Class A or Class B respectively.

(5) In the case of a person whose production either as regards the whole or a particular part thereof is regulated by specific directions or regulations from any department of the Government, such person shall not, in so far as relates to the production so regulated, act on a certificate presented to him by another person, but must

apply for instructions to the Department which regulates such production, forwarding to that department the certificate presented. Any order for work which entails the use of materials which are for the time being subject to control by a Government Department, and in respect of which Regulations shall have been issued, must not be carried out until after compliance with the said Regulations.

(6) Any order for work not accompanied by a certificate in the form set out in the second schedule hereto to the effect that the work falls within Class A or Class B shall be treated as an order for work in Class C.

(7) Any particular or special directions or regulations issued in writing by the Minister of Munitions, or by any Government Department regulating production as mentioned in paragraph 5 hereof, as to the classification of any work or orders belonging to the same class, shall override these general directions and regulations.

As from the date hereof this Order shall be substituted for Circular L.33 as to the control of output issued by the Minister of Munitions on the 31st March 1916, and references to this Order and the corresponding classes herein mentioned shall be substituted in all orders, directions, notices and permits already made or issued by or on behalf of the Minister of Munitions for any references therein to the said Circular L.33 and the classes therein mentioned, but such substitutions shall not affect the previous operation of the said Circular L.33 or any of such orders, directions, regulations, notices or permits or the validity of any action taken under them or any of them or any penalty or punishment incurred in respect of any contravention or failure to comply with the same or any of them or any proceeding or remedy in respect of such penalty or punishment.

And any certificate already issued under the said Circular L.33 shall, so far as the same was properly issued thereunder, continue to have the same effect as if this Order had never been made.

CHRISTOPHER ADDISON.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE above referred to.

CLASSIFICATION OF WORK.

Definition of Class A.

Class A comprises:—

Work or material wholly required as a component part of any work or goods to be carried out or supplied under—

(a) A Government War Contract, which signifies:—

1. Any Contract placed by the Admiralty, the War Office, or the Minister of Munitions.

2.* Any Contract for Naval or Military Equipment placed by an Allied Government by or with the consent, in writing, of the Admiralty, the War Office, or the Minister of Munitions.

(b) Certified War work, which signifies:—

1. Work on a Contract or Order which the Admiralty, the War Office, or the Minister of Munitions has certified, in writing, to be War or Munitions work.

2. Work which the Minister of Munitions has directed to be treated on an equality with War work.